



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE Crest Forest Fire Safe Demonstration Site

PROJECT LOCATION E1/2 Sec. 23, T2N, R4W, SBBM

COUNTY San Bernardino

LEAD AGENCY California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council's (MRFSC) Crest Forest Fire Safe Demonstration Site Project will assist a homeowner who is in need of defensible space or has received a citation under State (PRC 4291) and/or local (San Bernardino County Code Section 23.0304) defensible space clearance requirements by creating defensible space on their property and using the site as a defensible space demonstration site. An open house event will be held by the MRFSC in conjunction with CAL FIRE and local fire departments to provide tours of the property and defensible space information and education. The MRFSC will advertise the event at the MRFSC's public events/meetings, in local newspapers and/or online and send invitations to nearby property owners. In cooperation with the homeowner, the MRFSC will provide resources to perform the necessary fuel reduction work. The vegetation removed for defensible space or hazard abatement will be cut using chainsaws or hand tools, hand carried to the curbside for onsite chipping, hauled away, or piled onsite to be used as a demonstration of how much fuel was removed and hauled away after the open house. All vehicles will remain on existing roads. The project area is composed of timber and understory shrubs. Vegetation to be removed will mostly be composed of small diameter trees (<12"), branches, grass and shrubs. Elevation is approximately 5,000 feet. This project will take place within the San Bernardino National Forest and serve the MRFSC communities from Crestline to Green Valley Lake which have approximately 7,400 habitable structures. The property is less than 1/4 acre in size.

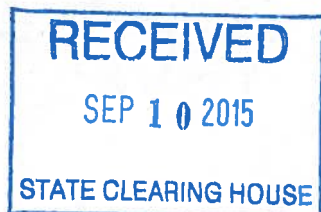
EXEMPTION STATUS


- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 Minor Alterations to Land
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

Field review by Tim Morin, RPF #2505, confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The RPF has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the RPF is kept on file at CAL FIRE's BDU Headquarters in San Bernardino.

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Duane Shintaku, Deputy Director Date
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